

Preliminary Amendment: ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

On page 23, please amend the paragraph as follows:

In conventional aircraft cargo compartments ~~(2)~~ panels or similar flat floor elements ~~(51)~~ are fastened to floor beams ~~(16)~~ or similar supporting elements that are installed in the body of the aircraft. Subsequently functional units such as roller elements ~~(11)~~, latches ~~(13)~~ or PDUs ~~(14)~~ are mounted and connected to one another by way of appropriate control conductors. In the present invention ~~To simplify assembly and to reduce the likelihood of errors during assembly~~ it is proposed to fasten the floor elements ~~(51)~~ permanently to the supporting beams ~~elements (16)~~ so as to form prefabricated floor modules ~~(50)~~, and to install these floor modules ~~(50)~~ in the aircraft.